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State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
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Attn: Paul Murphey

Request for reversal of priority

Dear Ms. Evoy,

I am writing this letter to request the State Water Resources Control Board consider granting priority of our water rights application #30946 over the pending downstream application # 30166.

Our existing water system is currently serving 42 parcels and we need a reliable year round water supply for domestic use. Our main concern is that in low flow years, we will be unable to adequately provide enough water for households if #30166 is senior to us and commands all of the water in the river. We have agreed to a restricted diversion schedule with the Department of Fish and Game and will comply with those restrictions. We have completed all of the studies and our application is now ready to go before the Board. It is our understanding that application #30166 still has a great deal more work to do before it can be deemed complete.

California water code provides for domestic water use as the highest beneficial use of water - higher than water used for agricultural and crop irrigation, which is the intended use of water for application #30166.

We respectfully ask that the Board grant priority over our application #30946 over application #30166.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carolyn Shearer  
Representative for Clear Ridge